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In re the application of

Volker KETTLER et al

Attn: Applications

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For: PARQUET BOARD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to assigning a serial number and filing date to the above-identified application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please substituted the attached one page Abstract (Attachment A) for the one originally filed with the international application.

The following change has been made:

Last line, delete "(Fig. 1)".

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please substitute the attached pages of the amended paragraphs of the specification (Attachment B) with the respective pages originally filed with the application.

The following amendments have been made:

Page 3, line 25, change "45;" to read --45°--.

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